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1. AGATT PROVIDED DR. HANS POPP, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE, WHO SERVING AS DEPUTY HEAD, SWISS DELEGATION, WITH SUMMARY US VIEWS ON WFC SECRETARIAT PROPOSALS (REFTEL A). HIS REACTIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE PROVIDED BY STAEHELIN (REFTEL C).

2. POPP STRESSED FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. SWISS DELEGATION IN GENERAL AGREEMENT US POSITION AND PLEASED NOTE LEADERSHIP BEING EXERTED BY US.

B. AGREE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD FOCUS ON INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION ESPECIALLY IN LDC'S, AND FACTORS NECESSARY
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TO ACHIEVE IT, PARTICULARLY IMPROVED INCENTIVES TO FARMERS.

C. FEEL WFC NOT APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR QUESTIONS
DEALING WITH TRADE BUT DO NOT AGREE THAT OPEN TRADING
ENVIRONMENT IS DESIRABLE. THIS STEMS FROM
SWISS NEED PROTECT OWN FARMERS.

D. AGREE ON URGENCY GET DISCUSSIONS STARTED ON WFC
SECURITY BUT INQUIRE ABOUT DEFINITION OF "MAJOR"
EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS.

E. BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT BRING ALL EXISTING CAPACITY
FOR FERTILIZER INTO PRODUCTION, CITING OWN COUNTRY
AS EXAMPLE.

F. FEEL NOT ENOUGH RESULTS FROM RESEARCH REACHING
PRODUCERS, ESPECIALLY SMALL FARMER.

G. REGARDING NUTRITION, FEEL LDC'S MUST EXERT
GREATER EFFORT IN LINKING AID AND NUTRITION.

H. AGREE CONCLUDING RESOLUTIONS SHOULD CALL ATTENTION
TO POPULATION FACTOR BUT STRESS THEY SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE
CLEAR RESUME OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF CONFERENCE.

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